



CONSOLIDATED STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION November 2, 2010

CANDIDATE'S HANDBOOK AND ELECTION CALENDAR

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e-148	June 7, 2010	Governor's Proclamation
e-125	June 30, 2010	Notice of Boundaries
e-123	July 2, 2010	Schools Deliver Specifications of Election Order
e-120	July 5, 2010*	Order of Election - Superintendent of Schools
e-120 e-88	July 5, 2010* to August 6, 2010	Period to Submit Resolutions for Local Contests/Measures
e-113 e-88	July 12, 2010 to August 6, 2010	Nomination and Declaration of Candidacy Period
e-98	July 27, 2010	Deadline for Change of Ballot Designation (Run off only)
e-92	August 2, 2010	Semi Annual Campaign Disclosure Statements Due
e-90	August 4, 2010	Copy of Notice of Election to District Secretary
e-88	August 6, 2010	Close of Nomination and Declaration of Candidacy Period
e-87 e-83	August 7, 2010* to August 11, 2010	Extension of Nomination Period (Only if Incumbent Fails to File)
e-87 to e-78	August 7, 2010* to August 16, 2010	Period to Submit Arguments For or Against Measures
e-83	August 11, 2010	Last day to Withdraw a Measure
e-83	August 11, 2010	Last day to File Petition for Write-in Judicial Campaign
e-82	August 12, 2010	Randomized Alphabet Drawing
e-77 e-68	August 17, 2010 to August 26, 2010	Period to Submit Rebuttals to Arguments For or Against Measures
e-68	August 26, 2010	Certified List of Candidates from Secretary of State

e-67 e-57	August 27, 2010 to September 6, 2010*	10-Day Public Inspection Period
e-60	September 3, 2010	Issue 60-Day Ballots to Military and Overseas Voters
e-57 e-14	September 6, 2010* to October 19, 2010	Statement of Write-in Candidacy Period
e-40 e-21	September 23, 2010 to October 12, 2010	Counties Mail Sample Ballots
e-29 e-7	October 4, 2010 to October 26, 2010	Period to Issue Vote by Mail Ballots
e-28	October 5, 2010	1 st Pre Election Campaign Disclosure Statement Due
e-15	October 18, 2010	Close of Registration
e-12	October 21, 2010	2 nd Pre Election Campaign Disclosure Statement Due
e-11	October 22, 2010	Begin Processing of Vote by Mail Ballots
e-6 e-1	October 27, 2010 to November 1, 2010	Vote by Mail Ballot Issuance - Late Conditions Only
e-0	November 2, 2010	Election Day
e-0	November 2, 2010	Clerk Declares Elected any Unopposed Judicial Candidates
e+1	November 3, 2010	Post Election Reconciliation
e+2	November 4, 2010	Begin Official Canvass
e+28	November 30, 2010	Last day to Complete Official Canvass
e+35	December 7, 2010	Last day to Transmit Final Results to Secretary of State
e+90	January 31, 2011	Semi Annual Campaign Disclosure Statement Due



DETAILED CALENDAR

June 7, 2010 e-148	Governor's Proclamation (EC 12000) On this date, the Governor shall issue a Proclamation calling for a General Election.
June 30, 2010 e-125	Notice of Boundaries (EC 10522) By this date, any jurisdiction requesting consolidation must file a notice of boundaries including a map of the district.
July 12, 2010 August 6, 2010 e-113 to e-88	Declaration of Candidacy/Nomination Period (EC 8020, 8022, 8028, 8064, 8100, 13307, 13311) Between these dates, persons interested in seeking elective office must appear before the county elections official and complete the required documentation. Forms are only available from the County Clerk-Recorder.
August 2, 2010 e-92	Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statement Due (GC 84200) See filing schedule on page 31 this handbook.
August 6, 2010 e-88	Last Day to Submit Resolutions for Consolidation (EC 10401, 10402) Final deadline for the governing body of a district, city, school or other political subdivision to request consolidation with the General election.
August 7, 2010* August 16, 2010 e-87 to e-78	Period to Submit Arguments For or Against Measures (EC 9162, 9163, 9219, 9282, 9315) During this period, anyone may submit a written argument for or against a measure appearing on the primary ballot. Arguments are limited to 300 words and must follow the requirements as reflected in the code sections shown above. Provide handout to authors.
August 7, 2010* August 11, 2010 e-87 to e-83	Extension of Declaration of Candidacy/Nomination Period (EC 8022, 8024, 8204) Between these dates, any candidate, other than the Incumbent, may file nomination papers. This provision does not apply where there is no Incumbent eligible to be elected.

August 11, 2010 e-83	<p>Last day to withdraw a Measure (EC 9605)</p> <p>This is the last day a jurisdiction may remove an item from the General Election ballot.</p>
August 12, 2010 e-82	<p>Randomized Alphabet Drawing (EC 13112)</p> <p>On this day, at 11:00 am, the Secretary of State shall conduct the Randomized Alphabet Drawing to determine the order in which the names of candidates will appear on the ballot.</p> <p>On this same day, the County Clerk-Recorder shall also conduct a Randomized Alphabet Drawing to determine the order in which the names of candidates for State Senate and State Assembly shall appear on the ballot.</p>
August 17, 2010 August 26, 2010 e-77 to e-68	<p>Period to Submit Rebuttals to Arguments For or Against Measures (EC 9167, 9220, 9285, 9317)</p> <p>During this period, authors of Arguments submitted For or Against Measures may submit a written Rebuttal. Rebuttals are limited to 250 words and must follow the requirements as reflected in the code sections shown above. Provide handout to authors.</p>
August 26, 2010 e-68	<p>Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List (EC 8148)</p> <p>Last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to each county a certified list of candidates. Additionally, the Secretary of State shall provide to each county a list of candidates for their county arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawing.</p>
August 27, 2010 September 6, 2010* e-67 to e-57	<p>10-day Public Inspection Period (EC 9190, 9380)</p> <p>During this period, all arguments and rebuttals submitted will be available to public inspection. Anyone who wishes to challenge information contained must follow the code to seek injunction.</p>
September 3, 2010 e-60	<p>60-day Ballots for Military and Overseas Voters (EC 3000(b), 3103)</p> <p>First day to issue and mail 60-day ballots to voters classified as military or living overseas.</p>
September 6, 2010* October 19, 2010 e-57 to e-14	<p>Statement of Write-in Candidacy Period (EC 8601)</p> <p>During this period, candidates must file their Statements of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the County Clerk.</p>

September 23, 2010 October 12, 2010 e-40 to e-21	Counties Mail Sample Ballots (EC 9094, 13303, 13304) During this period, the County Clerk will mail county sample ballots to each registered voter in the county.
October 4, 2010 October 26, 2010 e-29 to e-7	Vote by Mail Ballot Period (EC 3001, 3003) Between these dates, any registered voter in the county may apply for a vote by mail ballot.
October 5, 2010 e-28	Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement due (GC 84200.5, 84200.7) Deadline to file 1 st Pre-election statement.
October 18, 2010 e-15	Close of Registration (EC 2107) Last day for any person to register and vote in the primary election.
October 21, 2010 e-12	Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement Due (GC 84200) Deadline to 2 nd Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure statement.
October 22, 2010 e-11	Vote by Mail - Ballot Processing (7 business days before e-day) (EC 15101b) The first day the elections division may begin to open and process vote by mail ballots for tabulation on election day.
October 27, 2010 November 1, 2010 e-6 to e-1	Vote by Mail Ballot - Late Conditions (EC 3021) Between these dates, any voter unable to go to the polls on election day due to illness or disability or because they will be absent from their precinct, may obtain a vote by mail ballot over the counter in the office of the County Clerk.
November 2, 2010 e-0	Election Day (EC 1000 , 14212) Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. Unofficial results are available after 8pm.
November 2, 2010 e-0	Clerk Declares Elected any Unopposed Judicial Candidates On this date the Clerk shall declare elected any unopposed judicial candidates. (EC 8203)
November 3, 2010 e+1	Post Election Reconciliation and Canvass Preparation On this day, staff will perform the pre-canvass reconciliation procedures and prepare all materials for the Official Canvass.

November 4, 2010 November 30, 2010 e+2 to e+28	Official Canvass (EC 15301, 15372) Commencing at 9 am and continuing daily for at least 6 hours per day until completed, the Elections Division staff will conduct the Official Canvass.
December 7, 2010 e+35	Last day to Transmit Final Results to Secretary of State
5 days after Canvass	Recount (EC 15600-15642) Within 5 days after the completion of the official canvass, any voter may request a recount by filing a written request with the Elections Official. The request shall specify which candidates and/or measures are to be recounted, and may specify the order of the precincts for the recount. The petitioner shall, before the commencement of each day's recount, deposit the required amount to cover the costs associated with said recount, as determined by the Elections Official.
Between 10 days to 6 months following the certification of the vote	Election Contest (EC 16100, 16401) Any elector of a county, city, or of any political subdivision of either may contest any election held therein. Time period ranges from 10 days to 6 months, depending on circumstances.
January 31, 2011 e+90	Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statement Due (GC 84200) Last day to file Campaign Disclosure statement for the period ending 12/31/2010.

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OFFICES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

PARTISAN			
JURISDICTION	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
State of California	Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Controller Treasurer Attorney General Insurance Comm. Board of Equalization	Statewide	4 Years, commencing January 3, 2011
State of California Federal Office	United States Senator	Statewide	6 Years, commencing January 3, 2011
18 th District	US Representative in Congress	<u>Multi-County</u> Fresno, Madera Merced, San Joaquin Stanislaus	2 Years, commencing January 3, 2011 (noon)
19 th District	US Representative in Congress	<u>Multi-County</u> Fresno, Madera Mariposa, Stanislaus Tuolumne	2 Years, commencing January 3, 2011 (noon)
25 th District	Member of the State Assembly	<u>Multi-County</u> Calaveras, Madera Mariposa, Mono Stanislaus, Tuolumne	2 Years, commencing December 6, 2010
29 th District	Member of the State Assembly	<u>Multi-County</u> Fresno, Madera Tulare	2 Years, commencing December 6, 2010
State of California	State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Statewide	4 Years, commencing January 3, 2011

JUDICIAL			
JURISDICTION	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Supreme Court	Chief Justice Ronald M. George	Statewide	12 Years, commencing January 3, 2011
Supreme Court	Associate Justice Ming William Chin Carlos R. Moreno	Statewide	12 Years, commencing January 3, 2011
Appellate Court	Associate Justice	5 th District	12 Years, commencing January 3, 2011
County of Madera	Superior Court Judge Office #2 (Rigby)	At Large	6 Years, commencing January 3, 2011

MADERA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION			
AREA	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
2	1 Governing Board Member	By Area	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010
3	1 Governing Board Member	By Area	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010
6	1 Governing Board Member	By Area	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010

FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION			
AREA	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
1	2 Governing Board Members	By Area	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Merced	4 Governing Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area 1 Area 4 Area 5 Area 7 	File by Area Elected At Large <u>Shared with</u> Merced County	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010
State Center	1 Governing Board Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area 1 	File by Area Elected by Area <u>Shared with</u> Kings County Fresno County Tulare County	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Chawanakee	3 Governing Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Spring Valley • 1 North Fork • 1 At Large 	File by Area Elected At Large	4 Years commencing December 3, 2010
Firebaugh-Las Deltas	2 Governing Board Members	At Large Shared with Fresno County	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010
Golden Valley	3 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010
Madera	4 Governing Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 2 • Area 4 • Area 5 • Area 7 	File by Area Elected by Area	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010
Yosemite	2 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Chowchilla	3 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Alview-Dairyland	3 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010
Bass Lake	4 Governing Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Ahwahnee • 1 Bass Lake • 2 Oakhurst 	File by Area Elected At Large Shared with Mariposa	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010
Chowchilla	3 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010
Raymond-Knowles	3 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2010

COUNTY			
JURISDICTION	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
2 nd District Run Off	County Supervisor	By District	4 Years, commencing January 3, 2011

CITY			
JURISDICTION	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Chowchilla	2 Members of City Council	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 1, 2010
Madera	3 Members of City Council	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 1, 2010

SPECIAL DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Chowchilla Memorial Hospital	3 Directors	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 28, 2010
Madera Irrigation District	2 Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division 1 • Division 3 	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 28, 2010

QUALIFICATIONS

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected officers serve a 4 year term and take office on the first Friday in December, following the General Election (December 3, 2010). (Education Code 1007, 5017, 5091, 5093(b))

QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for the office of Governing Board Member must be a registered voter in the jurisdiction for which they are seeking election. Additionally, in some districts, the candidates must also reside in the attendance area they are seeking to represent. (Education Code 1006, 35107, 72103)

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

All candidates for this office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy between the dates of **July 12, 2010 to August 6, 2010**. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be completed in the office of the County Elections Official in the county where the candidate resides and is registered to vote.

If the incumbent does not file his/her Declaration of Candidacy by August 6, 2010, the period is extended for anyone other than the incumbent for a period of 5 calendar days until **August 11, 2010**. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (Optional)

Candidates for local non-partisan office may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information portion of the Sample ballot. Statements must be filed at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Statements are confidential until the close of the nomination period or extended period and then become available for public inspection. (Elections Code Section 13307)

SUMMARY

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 12 to August 6	Declaration of Candidacy Period
July 12 to August 6	File Statement of Qualifications**
August 7 to August 11	Extended Declaration of Candidacy Period***
September 6 to October 19	Write-in Candidacy Period*

FEES:

Statement of Qualifications See fee schedule on pages 28-29.

- * **Deadline falls on Saturday, Sunday or Holiday. Filing date moves to next business day.**
- ** **Statement of Qualifications must be filed in conjunction with the Declaration of Candidacy.**
- *** **Extension applies only when the Incumbent officer does not file before the deadline and extension is only open for anyone other than the Incumbent. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)**

QUALIFICATIONS

COUNTY SUPERVISOR - RUN OFF

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected officers serve a 4 year term and take office on the first Monday in January following the General Election (January 3, 2011). (Government Code § 24200, 24201, 24202, 25000)

QUALIFICATIONS (Elections Code § 201)(Government Code §25000, 25040-25041)

A candidate for this office must be a registered voter, a resident of the county and district for which they are seeking office for at least 30 days immediately preceding the deadline for filing Nomination papers for the office, and shall reside in the district during his/her incumbency.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS - OPTIONAL

Run off candidates may choose to re-print their statement from the June Primary Election or submit a new statement. Statements must be received by **August 6, 2010** by no later than 5 p.m. Candidates in a run off election, must pay the costs for printing their statement, regardless of whether it is a new statement or the original statement.

FEES:

Statement of Qualifications	\$485.00
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QUALIFICATIONS

MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected officers serve a 4 year term and take office on the first Wednesday in December following the General Election (December 1, 2010).

QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for this office must be a registered voter in the jurisdiction for which they are seeking office and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time the nomination papers are issued.
(Elections Code Section 201) (Government Code Section 36502)

NOMINATION PETITION

Candidates are required to file a Nomination Petition containing at least 20 and no more than 30 signatures of registered voters. Nomination Petitions must be obtained and filed between the dates of **July 12, 2010 to August 6, 2010**. Each section of the petition shall be delivered to the County Elections Official of the county in which the signer(s) reside and vote.
(Elections Code Section 10220-10226)

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

All candidates for this office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy between the dates of **July 12, 2010 to August 6, 2010**. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be completed in the office of the County Elections Official in the county where the candidate resides and is registered to vote.

If the incumbent does not file his/her Declaration of Candidacy by August 6, 2010, the period is extended for anyone other than the incumbent, for a period of 5 calendar days until **August 11, 2010**. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (Optional)

Candidates for local non-partisan office may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information portion of the Sample ballot. Statements must be filed at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

Statements are confidential until the close of the nomination period or extended period and then become available for public inspection. (Elections Code Section 13307)

SUMMARY

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 12 to August 6

July 12 to August 6

August 7 to August 11

September 6 to October 19

Nomination and Declaration of Candidacy Period

File Statement of Qualifications**

Extended Declaration of Candidacy Period***

Write-in Candidacy Period*

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:

____ Nomination Signatures

20 to 30 valid signatures

FEES:

____ Filing Fee (Non-Refundable)

\$25.00

Statement of Qualifications

• City of Chowchilla

\$415.00

• City of Madera

\$560.00

* **Deadline falls on Saturday, Sunday or Holiday. Filing date moves to next business day.**

** **Statement of Qualifications must be filed in conjunction with the Declaration of Candidacy.**

*** **Extension applies only when the Incumbent officer does not to file before the deadline and extension is only open for anyone other than the Incumbent. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)**

QUALIFICATIONS

DIRECTOR OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected officers serve a 4 year term and take office on the fourth Tuesday in December following the General Election (December 28, 2010.)
(Water Code Section 30500 et seq, GC 1780, EC 10507, 10554)

QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for the office of Director of a Special District must be a registered voter in the District for which they are seeking office. Additionally, in some districts, the candidates must also reside in the area they are seeking to represent. (Water Code Section 30500, Elections Code Section 10514)

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

All candidates for this office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy between the dates of **July 12, 2010 to August 6, 2010**. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be completed in the office of the County Elections Official in the county where the candidate resides and is registered to vote.

If the incumbent does not file his/her Declaration of Candidacy by August 6, 2010, the period is extended for anyone other than the incumbent, for a period of 5 calendar days until **August 11, 2010**. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (Optional)

Candidates for local non-partisan office may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information portion of the Sample ballot. Statements must be filed at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Statements are confidential until the close of the nomination period or extended period and then become available for public inspection. (Elections Code Section 13307)

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FEES:

Statement of Qualifications

• Chowchilla Memorial Hospital	\$440.00
• Madera Irrigation District, Area 1	\$415.00
• Madera Irrigation District, Area 3	\$390.00

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- ** **Statement of Qualifications must be filed in conjunction with the Declaration of Candidacy.**
- *** **Extension applies only when the Incumbent officer does not file before the deadline and extension is only open for anyone other than the Incumbent. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)**

INCOMPATIBILITY OF OFFICES

The Political Reform Act does not prohibit any officeholder from holding multiple public offices or seeking more than one elective office. For example, a deputy district attorney can hold the office of city council member, or a water board director may also be elected to a park and recreation district. There are, however, instances of holding more than one office that are considered incompatible.

There is no single statute that defines “incompatibility of offices”. The common law doctrine of incompatibility of offices, however, prevents an elected official from holding two offices simultaneously **if the offices have overlapping and conflicting public duties.**

The courts have defined the concept as follows: “One individual may not simultaneously hold two public offices where the functions of the offices concerned are inherently inconsistent, as where there are conflicting interests, or where the nature of the duties of the two offices is such as to render it improper due to considerations of public policy for one person to retain both”.

The State of California Attorney General's Office has issued many opinions of particular compatibility questions. Here are six examples of **incompatible** offices:

1. The offices of city councilman and school district board member where the city and the school district have territory in common;
2. Fire Chief of a County Fire Protection District and member of the Board of Supervisors of the same county;
3. High School District Trustee and Trustee of an Elementary School District which is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the high school district;
4. Water District Director and a City Council member;
5. Water District Director and a School District Trustee having territory in common; and
6. Deputy Sheriff and County Supervisor.

If you have a question about whether two public offices which you hold or seek to hold would be considered incompatible, contact the Attorney General's office at (916) 324-5437 or visit their website at www.caag.state.ca.us. For further information about conflict of interest or incompatibility of offices, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-800-275-3772 or at www.fppc.ca.gov.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND ELECTION OFFICIALS CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Important notice to candidates in legislative districts that encompass more than one county: Procedures, requirements, fees, formats and public examination periods for candidates' statements may vary between counties. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact each county (in which he or she wishes to have a statement printed) within the district to obtain the appropriate information from each county. Failure to do so may jeopardize the printing of the candidate's statement.

The text of the statement shall not exceed 250 words. Word count standards shall be pursuant to Elections Code Section 9.

All statements must be submitted on, or attached to, the form provided by the county election official of each county in which the candidate wishes to have his/her statement printed. Statements must be formatted pursuant to the guidelines provided by each county. Statements not submitted in the appropriate format will be reformatted by the county election official. The county election official bears no responsibility for the correct typesetting of statements that must be reformatted.

Statements shall not, in any way, make reference to other candidates for office or to another candidate's qualifications, character or activities. Moreover, no statement shall contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements nor any obscene or profane language.

The statement will be printed in languages required by the Voting Rights Act as well as those languages, if any, required by the counties within the jurisdiction. If Spanish is not a required language, a candidate may request a Spanish translation of his/her statement at additional cost.

FILING INFORMATION

Candidate's statements shall be filed in the office of the election official of each county within the district in which the candidate wishes a statement to be printed, not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the election, or in the event that the nomination period has been extended, until 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd day prior to the election. Candidates' statements are confidential until the expiration of the period for filing such statements. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the 88th or 83rd day prior to the election, whichever is applicable. *It is strongly recommended that the statement*

be filed personally by the candidate. If the statement is filed by someone other than the candidate, that person should have the authority to make corrections or deletion to the statement in the event that errors or an excess number of words are detected prior to filing the statement. Statements received by mail prior to the deadline will be filed provided that they meet the statutory requirements and county policies regarding candidates' statements. Statements may not be changed after filing.

Counties may require candidates to deposit the estimated cost of printing the statement at the time of filing the statement or may invoice the candidates for the actual cost of printing the statement after the election. If the actual cost of printing the statement exceeds the deposited amount, the candidate will be invoiced for the remainder of the cost. If the actual cost of the printing the statement is less than the deposited amount, the candidate will receive a refund of the overpayment.

Candidates' statements are available for public examination in the county election officials's office 10 days prior to submission for printing. During this period any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is to be held, or the county election official, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the statement to be amended or deleted. Venue for such a proceeding shall be the county in which the statement is filed. If the statement is filed in more than one county, the writ or injunction must be sought in each county in which the amendments or deletions to the statement are sought.

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

GUIDELINES - LOCAL OFFICES (Optional)

Each candidate for local non-partisan office may prepare and submit a Statement of Qualifications on the form provided by the County Clerk-Recorder. The statement is designed to acquaint voters with a candidate's qualifications for the office that he/she is seeking. This statement is incorporated into the county sample ballot at the candidate's expense, and is mailed to each registered voter eligible to vote for that contest.

If you are submitting a Statement of Qualifications, you must have your statement typed and ready for submission when you Declare Candidacy.

▶▶▶BOTH DOCUMENTS MUST BE FILED AT THE SAME TIME◀◀◀

Your statement must be submitted on the form provided. Include your name, age, occupation and a 200 word description of your education, qualifications and experience.

RESTRICTION: the statement may not include your political party affiliation, nor make any reference to any membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next working day after the close of the nomination period (August 9, 2010 or August 12, 2010 if the extension applies).

In accordance with Elections Code Section 13311, all statements shall remain **CONFIDENTIAL** until the close of the nomination period. Following the close of the nomination period, there is a ten-day public examination period, whereby statements may be reviewed and copies obtained for a fee.

During the ten-day public examination period, any voter of the affected jurisdiction may take legal action to challenge the contents of a statement pursuant to Elections Code Section 13314. In addition, Elections Code Section 18351 provides that any candidate who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a statement of qualifications, with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with his/her campaign, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00.

If you choose to file a Statement of Qualifications, you will be required to pay the estimated cost of printing (see pages xxxxx). Actual costs of the statement cannot be determined until the final printing bill is received. If the estimate is over the actual cost, the candidate will receive a refund. If the actual cost is more than estimated, the candidate will receive an invoice for the remaining amount due.

INSUFFICIENT NOMINEES: If a contest will not be placed on the ballot due to an insufficient number of nominees, the statement you submitted will not be printed and you will receive a refund of the fee paid. Please allow 1 to 2 weeks for receipt of your refund following the close of the nomination period.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR STATEMENT

CONTENT

- ◆ Be accurate. Documents will be printed as submitted. SPELLING, PUNCTUATION, AND GRAMMATICAL ERRORS WILL NOT BE CORRECTED BY THE ELECTIONS DIVISION.
- ◆ Please TYPE your candidate statement. DO NOT USE ALL CAPS. Statements will be rejected if they are typed in all capital letters or if the statement is hard to read. Statements must be submitted on the form provided by the Elections Division. If you will be using a word processor to type your statement, you may attach a printed version of your statement to the form supplied by the County Clerk. The front of the form however, must still be completed.
- ◆ Double space your statement.
- ◆ Candidates for nonpartisan offices shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
- ◆ No statement shall contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements.
- ◆ Subheadings and deviations from the standardized heading will not be accepted.
- ◆ The "Occupation" field in the candidate's statement is not governed by the laws and regulations pertaining to ballot designations. Occupation may be different than your ballot designation.
- ◆ Submit original statement and 2 copies. In addition, if possible, please submit statement in electronic format (floppy disc).

SIZE

- ◆ Statements are limited to 200 words unless otherwise authorized.

FORMAT

- ◆ All text will be formatted flush left - no indents will be allowed. No bullets.
- ◆ Statements are printed in uniform size, darkness and spacing.
- ◆ **Bolding**, CAPITALIZING, underlining, and centering text are not permitted. If the statement contains any bolding, capitalizing (other than abbreviations or acronyms), underlining, and centering of text, the text will be converted to normal text without these attributes.
- ◆ Notwithstanding the above guidelines, nothing shall be deemed to make any statement or author of the statement free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous, or libelous statements offered for printing.
- ◆ As required by Law, all statements will be printed in both English and Spanish.

WORD COUNT

- ◆ Punctuation is not counted.
- ◆ All geographical names shall be counted as one word, which includes all areas that have political boundaries with an elected or appointed board are considered geographic areas by this office. (Example: City and County of Madera = 1 word).
- ◆ Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression, shall be counted as one word.
- ◆ Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available dictionary, published in the US at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
- ◆ Dates consisting of a combination of words and digits shall be counted as two words. Dates consisting only of a combination of digits shall be counted as one word.
- ◆ Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number that is spelled, shall be considered as a separate word. "100" shall be counted as one word, whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words.
- ◆ Telephone numbers and web site addresses shall be counted as one word.

Costs to Print Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

The following costs have been estimated for the printing of a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications in the sample ballot. Said costs are due upon filing and are payable to the County Clerk-Recorder.

JURISDICTION	VOTED UPON	ESTIMATED COST
US Congress, District 18 ❖	By District	\$380.00
US Congress, District 19 ❖	By District	\$1,015.00
State Senate, District 12 ❖	By District	\$630.00
State Senate, District 14 ❖	By District	\$750.00
Assembly, District 25 ❖	By District	\$730.00
Assembly, District 29 ❖	By District	\$665.00
Supervisor, District 2 Run Off	By District	\$485.00
Board of Education - Area 2	By Area	\$500.00
Board of Education - Area 3	By Area	\$475.00
Board of Education - Area 6	By Area	\$510.00
Fresno County Board of Education - Area 1 ❖	By Area	\$380.00
Merced Community College District ❖	At Large	\$440.00
State Center Community College District ❖	By Area	\$955.00
Chawanakee Unified School District	At Large	\$400.00
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District ❖	At Large	\$380.00
Golden Valley Unified School District	At Large	\$440.00
Madera Unified School District - Area 2	By Area	\$430.00
Madera Unified School District - Area 4	By Area	\$390.00
Madera Unified School District - Area 5	By Area	\$415.00
Madera Unified School District - Area 7	By Area	\$400.00
Yosemite Unified School District ❖	At Large	\$535.00
Chowchilla High School District	At Large	\$440.00
Alview-Dairyland Union School District	At Large	\$380.00
Bass Lake Joint Union School District ❖	At Large	\$450.00

Chowchilla Elementary School District	At Large	\$430.00
Raymond-Knowles Joint Union School District	At Large	\$380.00
City of Chowchilla	At Large	\$415.00
City of Madera	At Large	\$560.00
Chowchilla Memorial Hospital District	At Large	\$440.00
Madera Irrigation District - Division 1	By Division	\$415.00
Madera Irrigation District - Division 3	By Division	\$390.00

❖- Indicates offices which are shared with another county and additional costs apply. Costs reflected must be paid directly to counties where the statements will be printed. Madera County will not accept fees for any other county. Legislative candidates should refer to pages 23-24 for detailed information.

WITHDRAWAL: Statements may be withdrawn but not changed. To withdraw your statement you must complete the Statement of Withdrawal located on the original document on file in the County Clerk's office by no later than 5:00 p.m.



WHAT IS CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE?

Campaign Disclosure is the method in which candidates file written documentation to outline their campaign contributions and expenditures to the public. All candidates for public office are required to file campaign disclosure statements. The type of statement you will need to file depends on the amount of contributions and expenditures you plan to make during your candidacy/incumbency.

Guidelines:

All candidates, including incumbents seeking re-election to the same office, must file a Form 501.

If you **do not plan on raising or spending more than \$1,000** for your campaign, and you are not going to form a controlled committee, you may file a one time statement that will satisfy your filing requirements for an entire calendar year. That form is the Short Form 470.

The Form 470 is filed by a candidate with his/her Declaration of Candidacy. Once filed, no additional campaign statements need be filed for that calendar year as long as total contributions received remains less than \$1,000 and total expenditures made remains less than \$1,000. If by some chance, you should exceed the \$1,000 threshold, you will need to file a Form 470 Supplement and follow the procedures as shown below. If you are elected to the office sought, you will be required to file some form of campaign disclosure for each year that you are in office.

If you **do plan on raising and spending more than \$1,000** for your campaign, you will need to organize a recipient committee and maintain detailed records to disclose your contributions and expenditures. To do this, follow the steps below:

1. Complete a Form 501 and file it with the County Clerk-Recorder.
2. Complete a Form 410 and file it with the Secretary of State and County Clerk-Recorder.
3. Complete and file a Form 460 at every reporting period before and after the election until you decide to terminate your committee. See filing schedule on page 31.
4. To terminate your committee, complete and file a Form 410 and Form 460 and file them with the Secretary of State and the County Clerk-Recorder.

A detailed description of each form can be found on pages 32-33. A copy of each form described in this section has been provided in your candidate packet. Please review all forms to familiarize yourself with these documents. You have been provided with forms to cover your initial filing requirements only. Additional forms can be obtained at the County Clerk's office or by visiting the FPPC's website @ www.fppc.ca.gov.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FILING SCHEDULE - LOCAL OFFICES

FILING DEADLINE	STATEMENT TYPE	PERIOD COVERED	DELIVERY METHOD
August 2, 2010	Semi-Annual	date of last filing - 6/30/10 or 1/1/10 to 6/30/10 if no previous filings	*Personal *1st Class Mail
October 5, 2010	1 st Pre-Election	7/1/10 to 9/30/10	*Personal *1st Class Mail
October 21, 2010	2 nd Pre-Election	10/1/10 to 10/16/10	*Personal *1st Class Mail
Within 24 Hours	Late Contributions and Independent Expenditures of \$1,000 or More	10/17/10 to 11/1/10	◇Personal ◇Telegram ◇Guaranteed Overnight ◇Fax
January 31, 2011	Semi-Annual	10/17/10 to 12/31/10	*Personal *1st Class Mail

The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or **January 1**, if no previous statement has been filed.

Candidates with organized committees are required to file a Form 460 at each of the above filing periods. You will not be sent any further notification of the filing periods or due dates. In order to avoid penalties and fines, you must file each statement by the deadlines shown.

* - indicates that deadline falls on Saturday, Sunday or Holiday. Deadline moves to next business day.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM DESCRIPTIONS

FORM 501

CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT

A candidate for state or local office must file this form prior to solicitation or receipt of any contribution, or expenditure of any personal funds used for the election. You must file a separate Form 501 for each election, including re-election to the same office. State candidates please read Form 501 guidelines regarding voluntary expenditure limits.

Exception: this form is not required if you will not solicit or receive contributions from other persons and the only expenditures will be from your personal funds used for the filing fee and/or statement of qualifications in the sample ballot.

File the Form 501 with the County Clerk-Recorder. The form is considered filed the date it is postmarked or hand delivered.

FORM 410

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION RECIPIENT COMMITTEE

A recipient committee is any individual (including an officeholder or a candidate), group of individuals, organization, or any other entity that receives contributions totaling \$1,000 or more during a calendar year. The term "contribution" includes monetary payments, loans and non-monetary goods or services.

The personal funds of a candidate or officeholder used in connection with seeking or holding elective office are contributions and are counted toward qualifying as a recipient committee. However, personal funds used to pay a filing fee or for the statement of qualifications, are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold.

You must file the Form 410 within 10 days of receiving \$1,000 in contributions. The date this form is postmarked is the date it is considered filed. A recipient committee qualifying during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Form 410 or the information required on a Form 410 by telegram or personal delivery within 24 hours of qualification with the County Clerk-Recorder. The Form 410 must also be filed with the Secretary of State within 10 days.

If you amend your committee in any way, you must file an amendment Form 410 within 10 days from the date of the change, and file it with the Secretary of State and the County Clerk-Recorder.

If during the 16 days prior to the election, a change occurs in the name of the committee, the treasurer or other principal officers, or the controlling candidate, an amendment must be filed with the County Clerk-Recorder within 24 hours of the change. The amendment must be sent by fax, telegram or personal delivery. This amendment must also be filed with the Secretary of State within 10 days.

All recipient committee must file disclosure statements until the termination requirements are met and the Form 410 Termination has been filed.

FORM 460

RECIPIENT COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

This form is for use by ALL candidates who have filed a Form 410. You will need to complete and file a Form 460 at all of the following reporting periods during your candidacy:

1. Pre-election Statement
2. Semi-annual Statement

The Form 460 must continue to be filed until such time as you disburse all funds and file a Form 410 Termination Statement.

Review page 31 for exact dates and reporting periods covered by each statement.

FORM 470

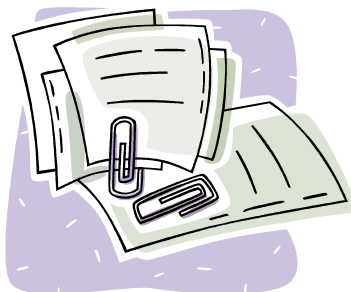
OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT SHORT FORM

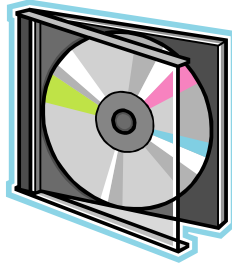
The Form 470 is for use by officeholders and candidates who do not have a controlled committee and do not anticipate receiving contributions or making expenditures totaling \$1,000 in a calendar year.

Filing fees and the fee for a statement of qualifications are not counted towards the \$1,000 threshold.

If a Form 470 is filed with the Declaration of Candidacy, on or before the filing deadline for the first campaign statement required for the current calendar year, no additional campaign statements will be required. However, if during your campaign, your status changes and you do exceed the \$1,000 threshold, you will need to file a Form 470 Supplement.

The Form 470 Supplement must be completed and sent within 48 hours of receiving contributions or making expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more. The notice must be sent by telegram, guaranteed overnight service or fax. Regular mail may not be used. File the Form 470 Supplement with the County Clerk-Recorder and each candidate seeking the same office.





REGISTRATION AND ELECTION DATA

Confidential Voter File

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 2187(g), 2188, and 2194, voter registration information is available to persons or groups for election, scholarly, journalistic, political purposes, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Each written request to view, purchase or use voter registration information must be signed by the candidate.

Permissible Usage

The California Code of Regulations, Division 7, Article 1, Section 19003, specifies permissible uses for any data obtained from voter registration files.

Permissible usage includes, but is not limited to:

- ◆ Using registration information for purposes of communicating with others in connection with any election;
- ◆ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings which campaign for or against any candidate or ballot measure in any election;
- ◆ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings by or in behalf of any political party; of candidates, elections, political party developments and related matters;
- ◆ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings, incidental to the circulation or support of, or opposition to any recall, initiative, or referendum petition;
- ◆ Sending of newsletters or bulletins by any elected public official, political party or candidate for public office;
- ◆ Conducting any survey of voters in connection with any election campaign;
- ◆ Conducting any survey of opinions of voters by any government agency, political party, elected official or political candidate for election or governmental purposes;
- ◆ Conducting an audit of voter registration lists for the purposes of detecting voter registration fraud;
- ◆ Soliciting contributions or services as part of any election campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any political party or in support of or opposition to any ballot measure;
- ◆ Any official use by any local, state, or federal government agency.

MASS MAILING

Definition of Mass Mailing: Mass mailing means over two hundred (200) substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter, or other inquiry.
(GC 82041.5)

If you are planning any type of mass mailing, contact the post office in advance to specific postal regulations.

MASS MAILING REQUIREMENTS:

GC 84305(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), no candidate or committee shall send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type which shall be in a color or print which contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the organization's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

(b) if the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.

(c) if the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision (a).

POLITICAL ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS - NEWSPAPERS:

GC 20008 - any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words "Paid Political Advertisement." The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

As used in this section, "paid political advertisement" shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office.



PROHIBITED USAGE

Prohibited usage includes:

- ◆ Any communication or other use solely or partially for any commercial purpose;
- ◆ Solicitation of contributions or services for any purpose other than on behalf of a candidate or political party or in support of or opposition of a ballot measure.
- ◆ Conducting any survey of opinions of voters other than those permitted by Section 19003.

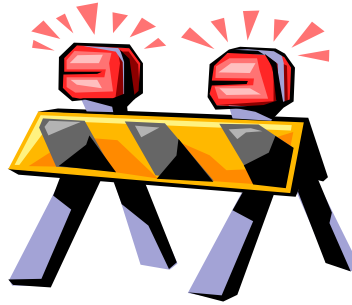
California Elections Code Section 18109 states:

"(a) it is a misdemeanor for any person in possession of information obtained pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 2180) of Chapter 2 of Division 2, or Section 6254.4 of the Government Code, knowingly to use or permit the use of all or any part of that information for any purpose other than as permitted by law.

(b) it is a misdemeanor for any person knowingly to acquire possession or use of voter registration information referred to in subdivision (a) without first complying with Section 2188."

Mass Mailing Prohibitions:

No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense. (GC 89001)



POLITICAL SIGNS

Outdoor Political Advertising - State Law

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act (Business & Professions Code) authorizes the placing of “temporary political signs” separate and apart from the normal outdoor advertising controls. No political sign may be placed within the right-of-way of any highway or within 660 feet of the edge of and visible from the right-of-way of a landscaped freeway.

Temporary political signs are those that meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election;
- ◆ Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after the election;
- ◆ Is no larger than 32 square feet;
- ◆ Has had a “Statement of Responsibility” filed with the State Department of Transportation.

The law directs the Department of Transportation to remove signs that do not comply with the regulations before an election and to bill the responsible party for removal costs after the election.

Penal Code Sections 556, 556.1, and 556.3 provide that it is a misdemeanor for any person to place sign to advertise on public or private property (without consent); and that it shall be considered public nuisance.

Outdoor Political Advertising - Madera County Code

Section 18.90.040 of Chapter 18.90 of Title 18 of the Madera County Code states that “No sign shall be placed upon any public property, including sidewalks, crosswalks, roads, curbs, lamp posts, hydrants, trees, utility poles, buildings, fences, and rights-of-way of any type, except such legal notices which are authorized by law to be so located. No sign shall project over any public property right-of-way.” This ordinance, number 525C, was enacted in April, 1994.



ELECTIONEERING ON ELECTION DAY 100' Rule

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 18370, no person on Election Day shall, within 100 feet of a polling place:

- ◆ Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall or nomination petition or any other petition;
- ◆ Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his/her ballot;
- ◆ Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his/her qualifications except as provided in section 14240;
- ◆ Do any electioneering. This includes wearing buttons, T-shirts, stickers, etc., that promote a candidate or issue on the ballot.
- ◆ Photograph, videotape, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

As used in this section "100 feet from a polling place" shall mean a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Elections Code Section 18541 provides that any person who violates the above provisions is punishable by imprisonment in county jail for not more than 12 months or state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.



POLL WATCHING

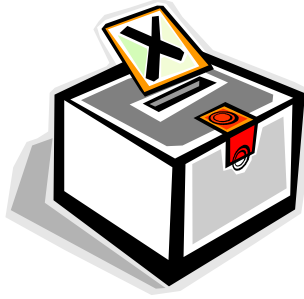
Poll watchers are allowed at the polling place as long as they obey the law and election procedures. Persons observing the polls may:

- ◆ Inspect the Roster of Voters. Any such inspection, however, must be done without impeding, interfering, or interrupting the normal processing of voters.
- ◆ Inspect the Street Index which is updated hourly by poll workers reflecting which voters have voted. This list may not be removed by anyone other than the poll workers.
- ◆ Observe all activities at the polling place, including activities after the polls close, providing they do not interfere with the normal closing procedures.



EXIT POLLING

The Secretary of State and Attorney General have reviewed the Electioneering provisions and have determined that these provisions do not apply to the Press and Media conducting “Exit Polls”. However, no one may interfere with the conduct of the election. News media are instructed to remain at least 25' from the entrance to the polls. The media may take pictures or run a television camera inside the polling place provided they respect the voters' privacy and do not interfere with voting. They may not speak to voters regarding how they are voting within 25' of the entrance to the polls.



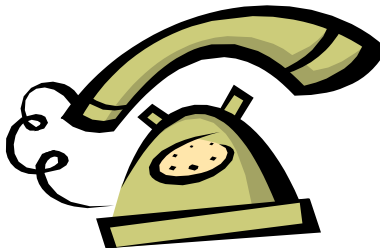
ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

All ballots are tabulated in the office of the County Clerk-Recorder, located at: 200 W. 4th Street, Madera.

Unofficial results are posted on our website as they become available. Please visit:

www.madera-county.com

Vote by Mail Ballot results are released after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.



Results are also available by phone. The numbers to call are:

559-675-7720

559-675-7721

559-675-7724

or toll free 1-800-435-0509

Results on election night are not provided in a precinct by precinct format

All results on election night are **UNOFFICIAL**. The official results will not be certified until the completion of the official canvass.



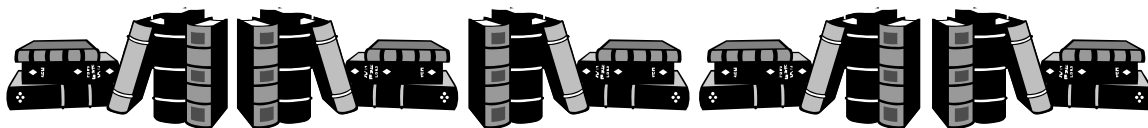
THE OFFICIAL CANVASS

Results on election day are **UNOFFICIAL**. No result is final until the County Clerk-Recorder has completed the Official Canvass and has Certified the Results.

The Official Canvass is the process of reconciling all records from the polls and accounting for all ballots, which includes, unused precinct ballots, spoiled ballots, vote by mail ballots dropped off at the polls, and provisional ballots.

The Official Canvass will commence on Thursday, November 4, 2010 and shall continue daily, excluding weekends and holidays, for no less than 6 hours per day, until completed. The County Clerk-Recorder staff has 28 days to complete the Official Canvass. **Totals will not be updated during the canvass.**

Upon completion of the Official Canvass, the County Clerk-Recorder shall update all totals and produce a Certification of Results and Statement of the Vote.



RESOURCES

Elections Division
200 W. 4th Street, Madera CA 93637
559-675-7720 or 800-435-0509
55-675-7870 fax
www.madera-county.com

Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Room 450
or
PO Box 807, Sacramento CA 95814
866-275-3772
916-322-3711 fax
www.fppc.ca.gov

Secretary of State - Elections Division
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento CA 95814
916-657-2166
916-653-3214 fax
www.ss.ca.gov

Secretary of State - Political Reform Division
1500 11th Street, Room 495, Sacramento CA 95814
916-653-6224
www.ss.ca.gov/prd/prd/htm